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For : START/STOP AUDIO ENCODER APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
SYNCHRONIZING DIGITAL AUDIO AND VIDEO SIGNALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified
patent application as follows:

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In the Claims

Please amend second claim 26 as follows:

27. A method of synchronizing a digital audio signal
with a corresponding digital video signal according to claim 19,
(wherein the second video synchronization signal is the next
generated video synchronization signal immediately following the
transmission of the stop command from the host.

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